Removal of Office bearers of an Association of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan from Service

1892. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some office bearers of an employees' association of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan were removed from service in May, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any of them has since been reinstated after setting aside of the removal orders by Delhi High Court;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether the reinstated employees have since been paid their back wages; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (f) Shri H. L. Sonar, General Secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association was removed from service on 8th May, 1985 on conclusion of disciplinary proceedings initiated against him. The orders for his removal from service was set aside by Delhi High Court and accordingly, he has been reinstated in service w.e.f. 4.4.1987. The KVS has filed an appeal against the judgement of Delhi High Court before the Division Bench. Pending decision by the Division Bench, payment of arrears has not been made to him.

Promotion of Vice-principal as Principals in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1893. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for determining merit while promoting Vice-Principals to the post of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) whether these criteria have been approved by Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(c) if so, the details of meeting in which these were approved and the text of the resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan follows the procedure of determining Merit Promotion as outlined in the Government of India Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms O.M No. 22011/3/76-Estt(D) dated 24-12-1980 and 22011/6/75-Estt.((D) dated 10-12-1976, which reads as under:—

"Selection Method"—Where Promotions are to be made by selection method as prescribed in the recruitment rules, the field of choice *viz.* the number of officers to be considered should ordinarily extend to 5 or 6 times, the number of vacancies expected to be filled within a year. The Officers in the field of selection, excluding those considered unfit for promotion by D.P.C. should be classified by the D.P.C as "outstanding", 'very good" and "good" on the basis of their merit, as assessed by the D.P.C. after examination of their respective records of service. In other words, it is entirely left to the D.P.C. to make its own classification of the officers being considered by them

for promotion to selection posts, irrespective of the grading that may be shown in the C.Rs. The panel should, thereafter, be drawn-up to the extent necessary by placing the names of the "outstanding officers" first, followed by the officers categorised as "Very Good" and followed by the officers categorised as "Good. The inter-se-seniority of officers belonging to any one category would be the same as their seniority in the lower grade".

(b) and (c) The Board of Governors has approved in their meeting held on 5-12-1983 that all the posts of Vice-Principals will be filled up by promotion. The procedural details of filling them up being an administrative matter the executive head of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan approved the adoption of Government of India Rules, *mutatis mutandis*.

Use of Fibre Optics Technology in Western Railway

1894. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are planning to utilise Fibre Optics Technology for Telecommunications in Western Railway as a part of Railways modernisation/upgrading programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of Fibre Optics Technology programmes of Western Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir, on the Bombay Suburban Section of Western Railway.

(b) Optical fibre Communication is being introduced in place of communication through copper conductor cable. This will cover the communication between control office and all the stations and also for linking a few railway automatic exchanges.

Installing hot box and hot wheel detectors and jointless track circuits on Rail Tracks

1895. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are planning to instal on rail tracks Hot Box and Hot Wheel Detectors to find out if the temperature of vital rail equipment in operation has exceeded permissible limits and also the jointless tracks circuits for improving safety and efficiency of railway signals, as a part of railway modernisation/upgrading programme;

(b) if so, whether these equipments are likely to be manufactured in Railway Workshops, with imported technology;

(c) whether Railway also propose to assist public sector units to manufacture these equipments;

(d) what is the estimated demand, in number, for these equipments separately, for the next five years; and

(e) what is the likely installed capacity and time-frame for manufacturing these equipments, separately, in the Railway Workshops?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) There is no obpection to public Sector Undertakings also taking up these items for manufacture.

d) After successful development the demand in the first five years thereafter is expected to be about 50 Hot Box Detectors and 500 Jointless Track Circuits per year.

(e) The capacities and time frames will depend on the selection of technologies and availability of funds.